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SPIDER-MAN

2099™

...IN
VIRTUAL UNREALITY

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A SUMMARY
WOULD SEEM
TO BE IN
ORDER:

THE VIRTUAL UNREALITY DEPARTMENT AT ALCHEMAX, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF HOTSHOT JORDAN BOONE, HAS CREATED AN INTER-DIMENSIONAL PORTAL BY RECREATING SOME OF THE FORGOTTEN WORK OF REED RICHARDS.



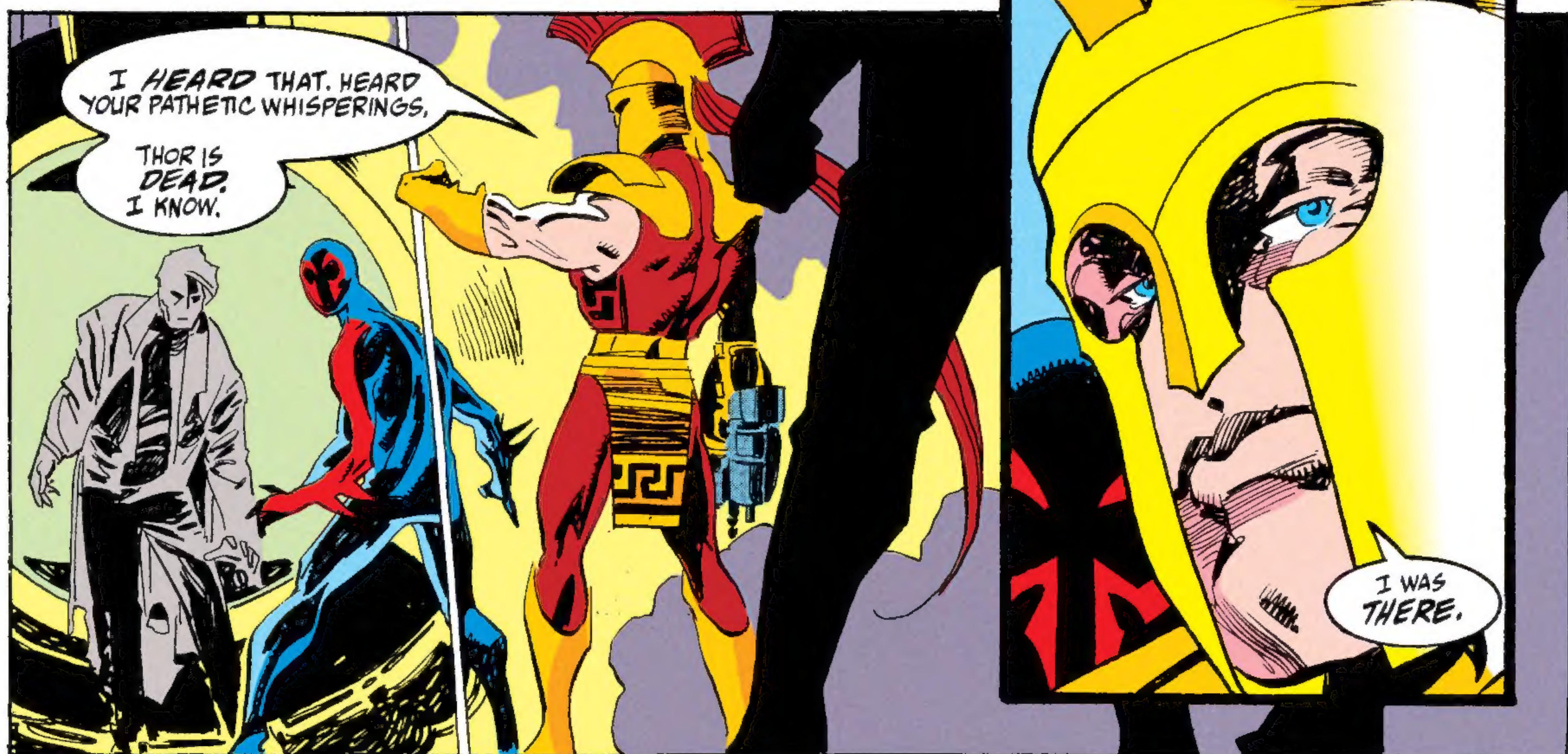
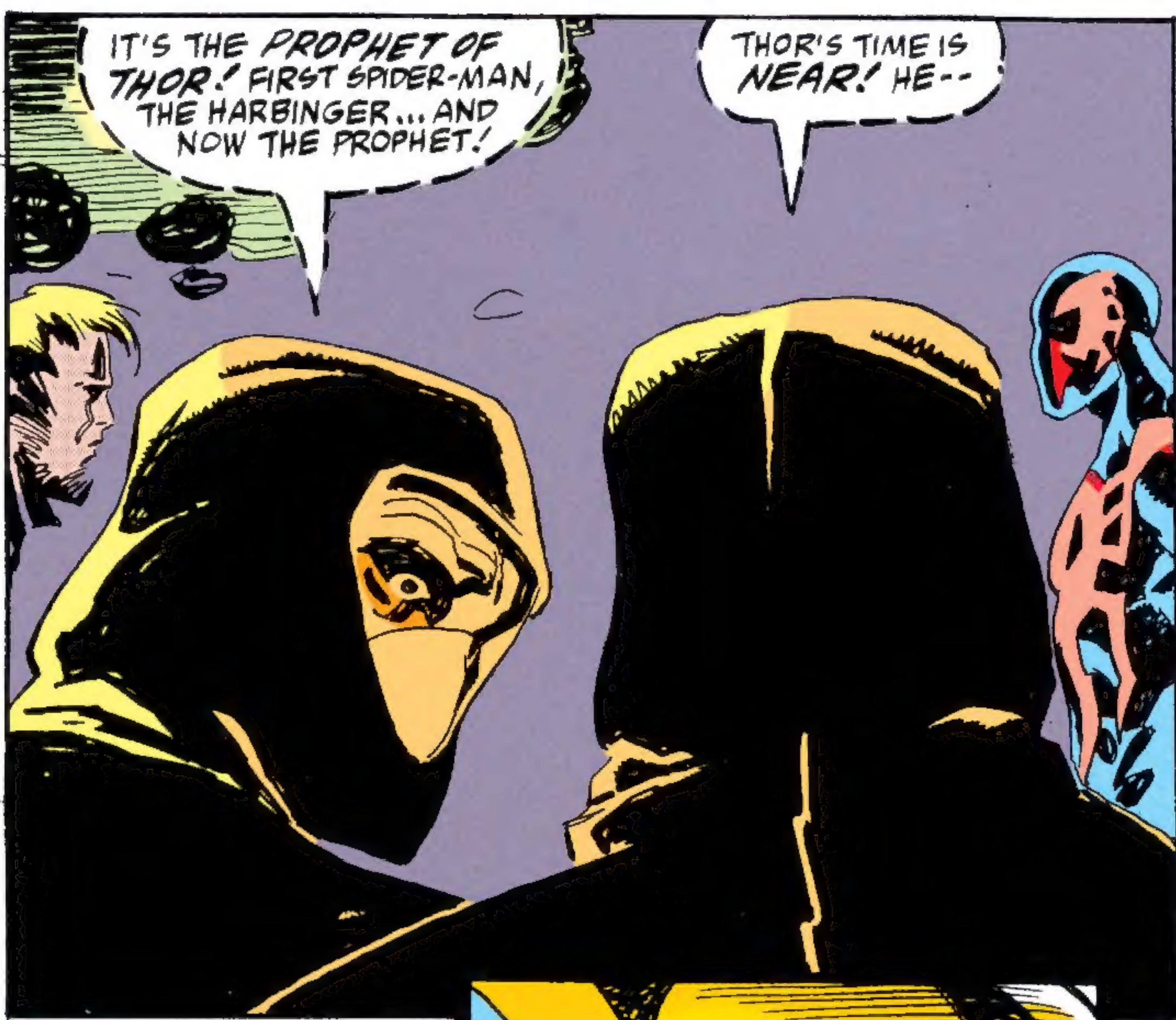
...JORDAN TO
GIVE THANATOS
FULL ACCESS
TO THE WORK.

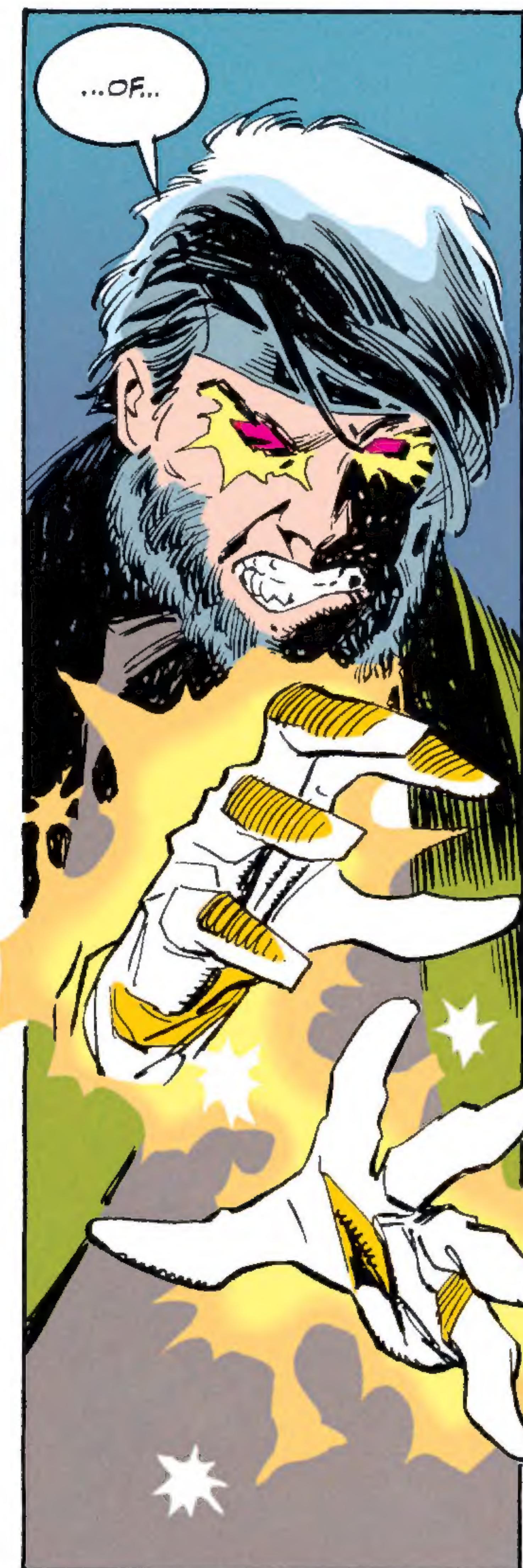
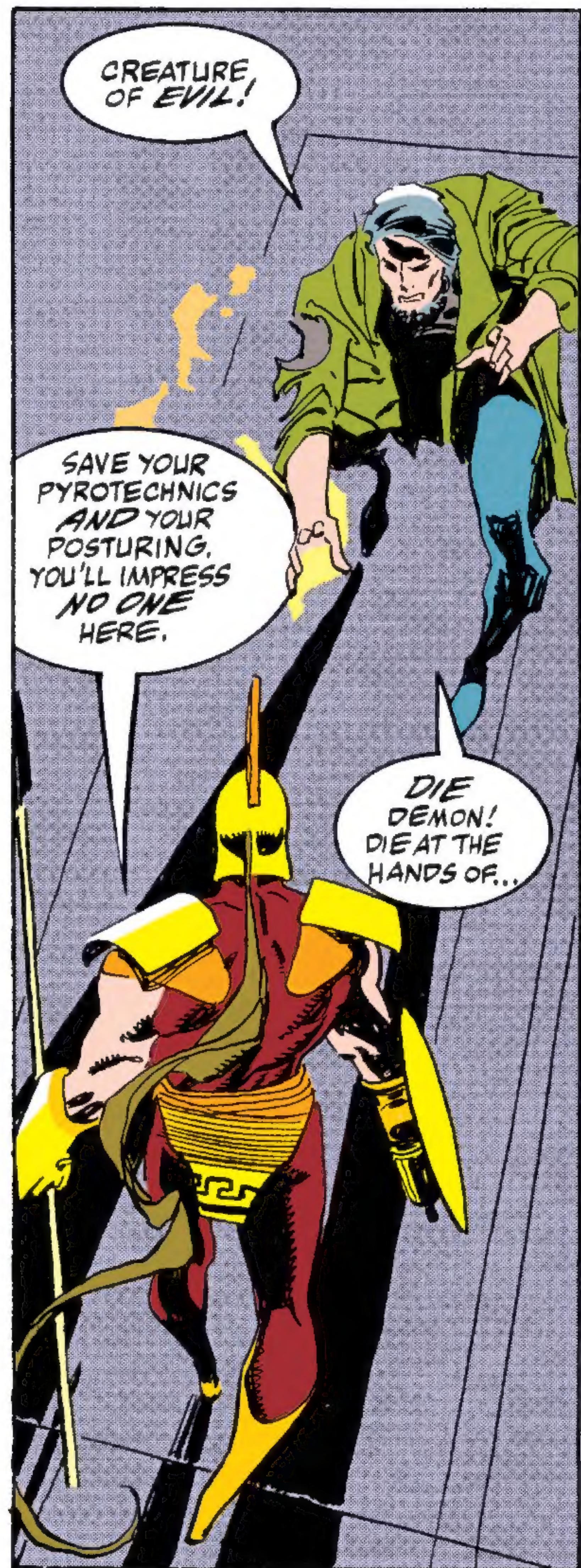
WINSTON, THE
EXECUTIVE ASSIS-
TANT TO...

THIS HAS ATTRACTED THE
INTEREST OF THE MYSTERI-
OUS THANATOS, WHO HAS
ORDERED...

...TYLER STONE, RELUCTANTLY COMPLIED,
SINCE THANATOS WAS THREATENING TO
KILL STONE OTHERWISE. ALONG FOR
THE RIDE IS...

SPIDER-MAN, AS
THUNDERSTRUCK AS ANYONE
ELSE WHEN A SILVER HAIR
STRANGER EMERGES FROM
THE PORTAL CALLED INTER-
SPACE.





"PITY. YOU WERE FORMIDABLE IN YOUR DAY. TOO BAD YOU WON'T BE ALLOWED TO REMEMBER IT."

POOR MIGUEL! HE'S GOING TO BE CRAZY WITH WORRY!!

WHAT MUST HAVE HE BEEN THINKING WHEN HE SAW THAT... THAT MADMAN BURST IN ON TYLER AND ME!

Huh. KNOWING MIGUEL, HE WAS GLAD THAT THE EVENING WAS RU--

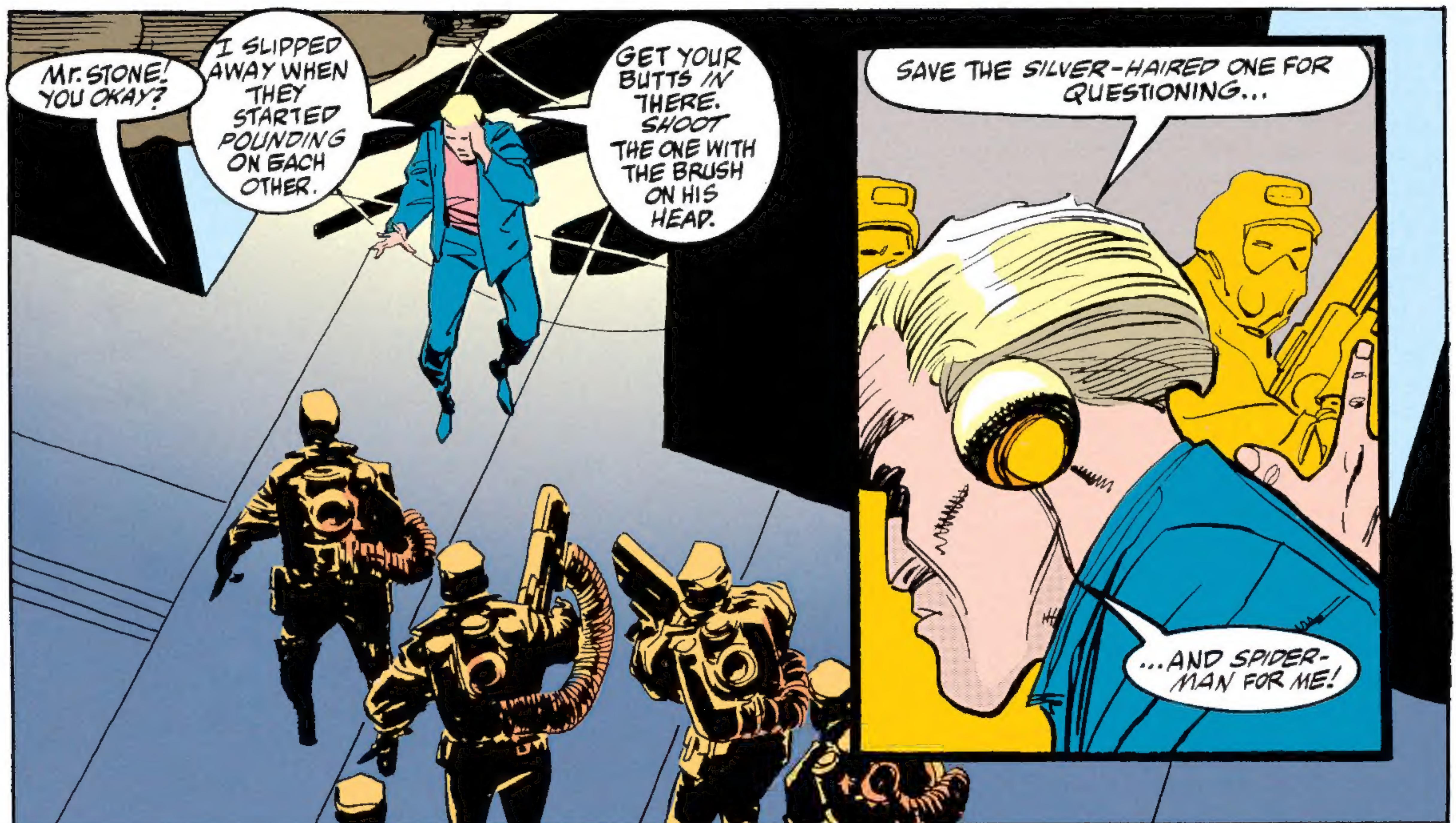
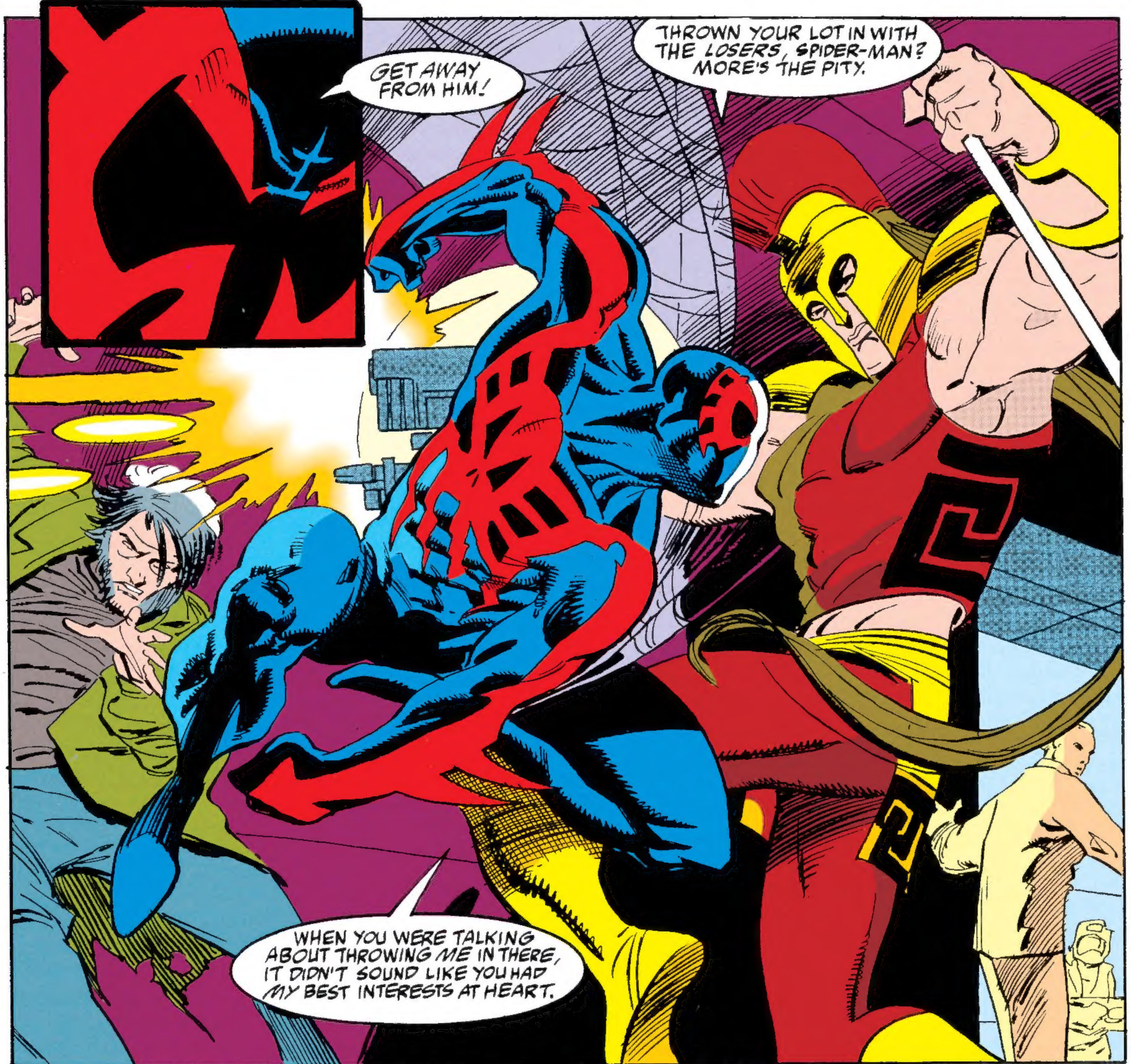
THOSE ARE FLYBOYS! CONVERGING ON THE ALCHEMAX BUILDING! IF MIGUEL IS STILL IN THERE, THEN...

SPEED BEING REDUCED TO ENSURE PROPER TRAFFIC FLOW.

Thank You For Your Coopera

NO! NOT A SLOWDOWN NOW! AW, SHOCK...!

I'VE GOT TO GET WORD TO MIGUEL THAT I'M OKAY! LORD KNOWS WHAT'S GOING THROUGH HIS MIND!



MY CLAWS! THEY... THEY SKIDDED RIGHT OFF HIS ARM! THEY DIDN'T PENETRATE AT ALL!

SKREEK!

YOU WOULD BE AMAZED WHAT I KNOW ABOUT YOU.

NO, THEY DIDN'T. DID THEY?

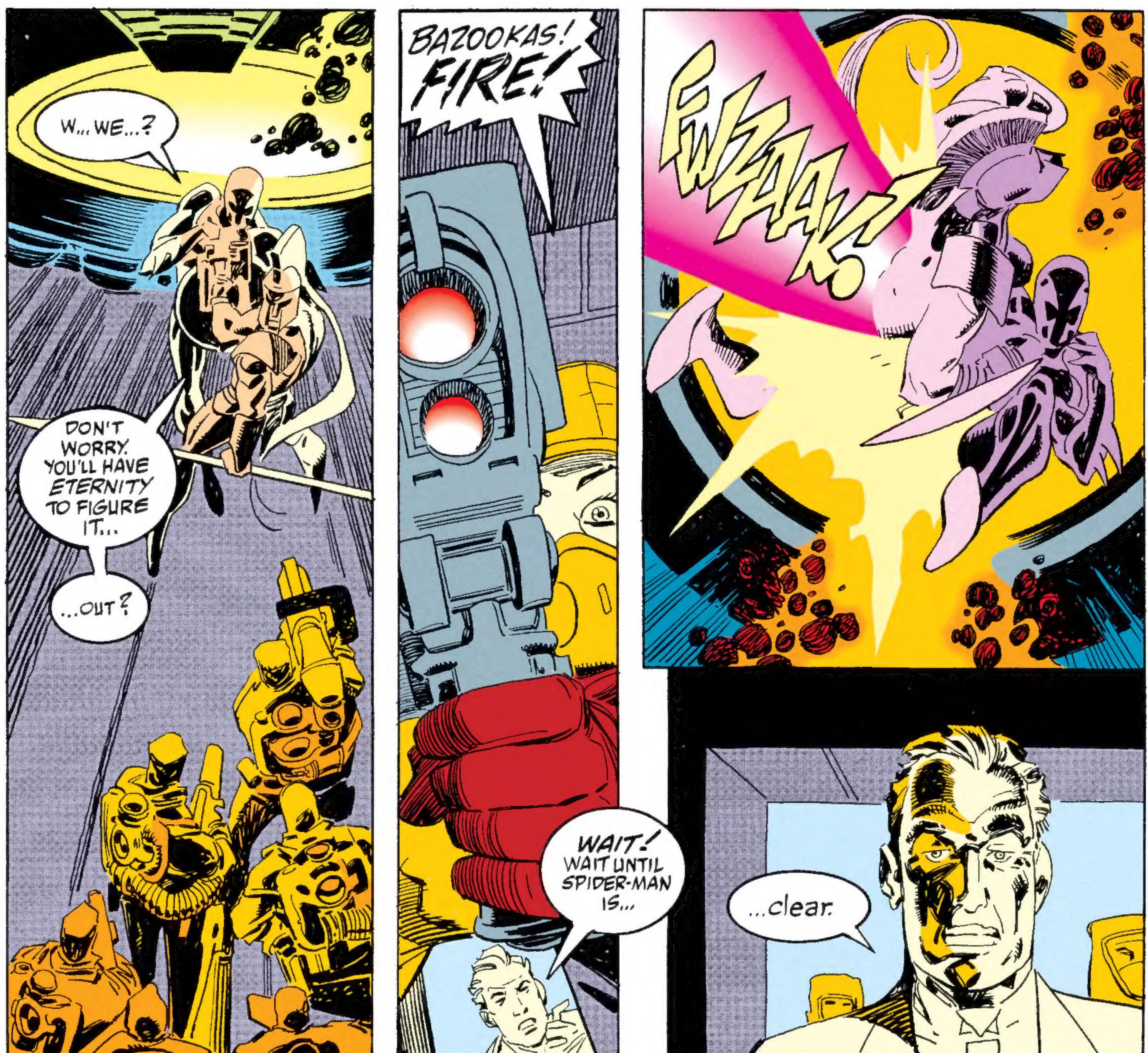
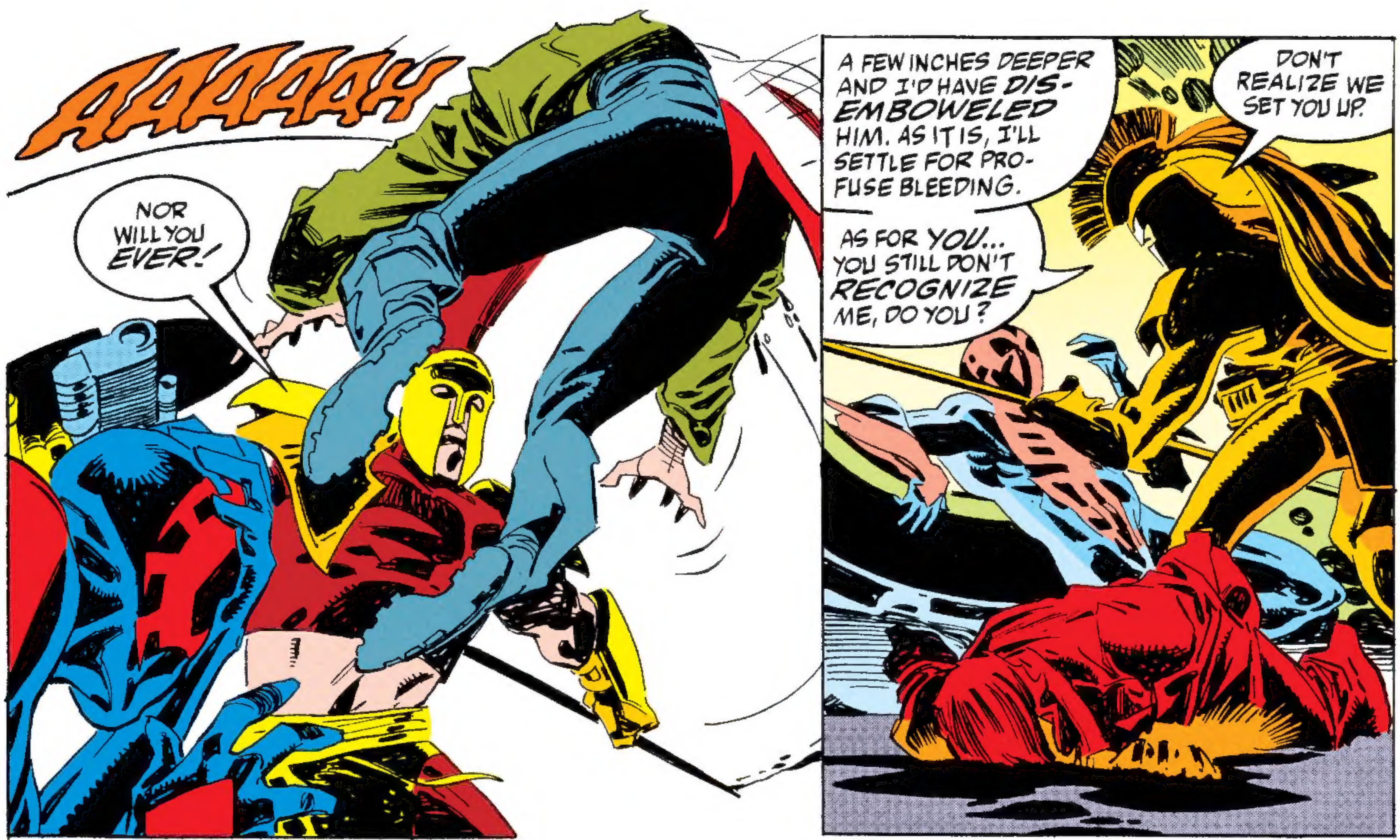
SURPRISED I KNEW WHAT YOU WERE THINKING, SPIDER-MAN?

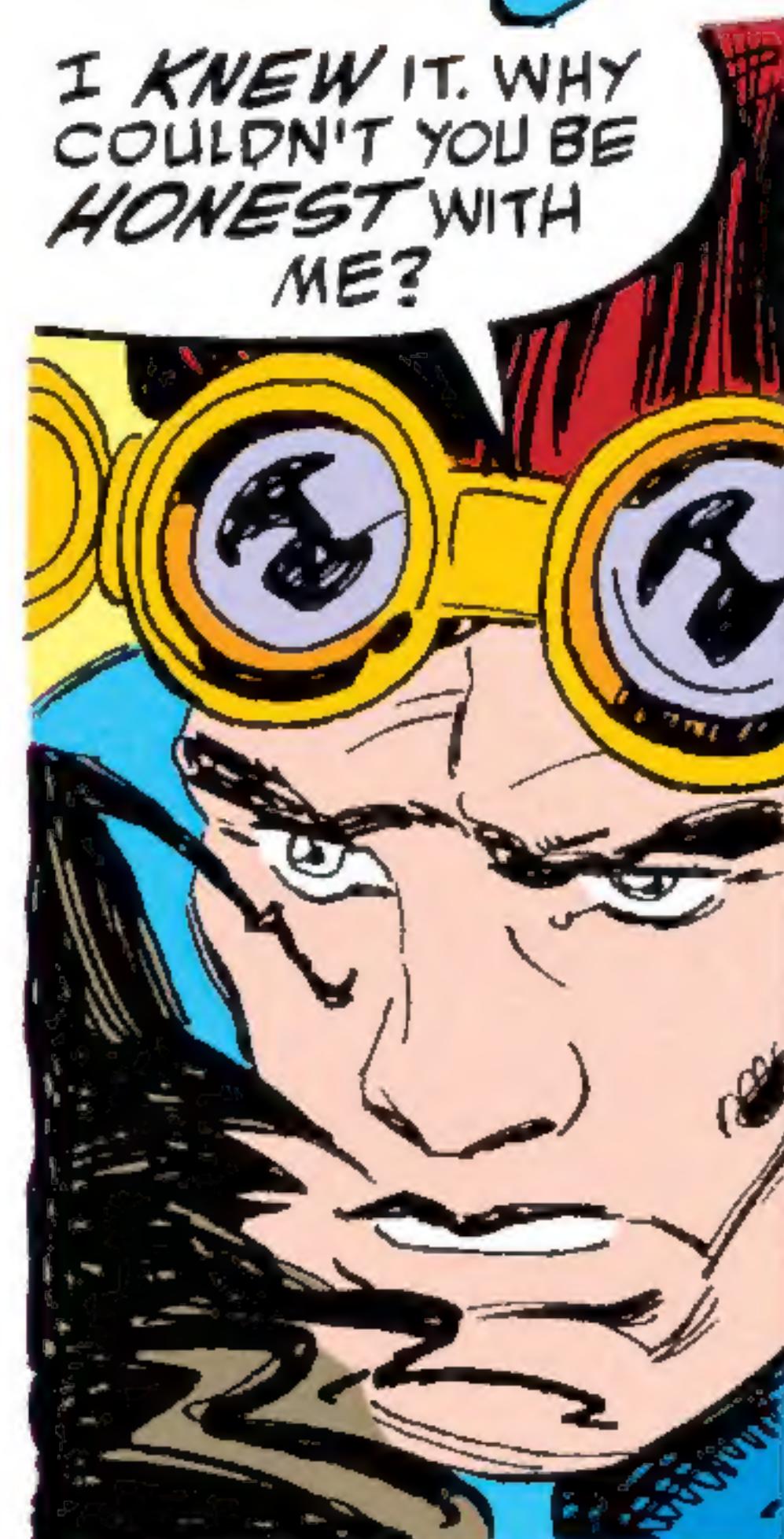
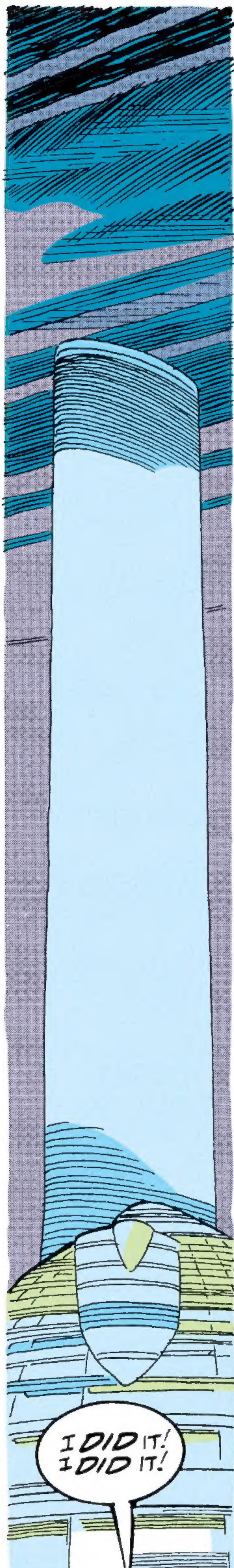
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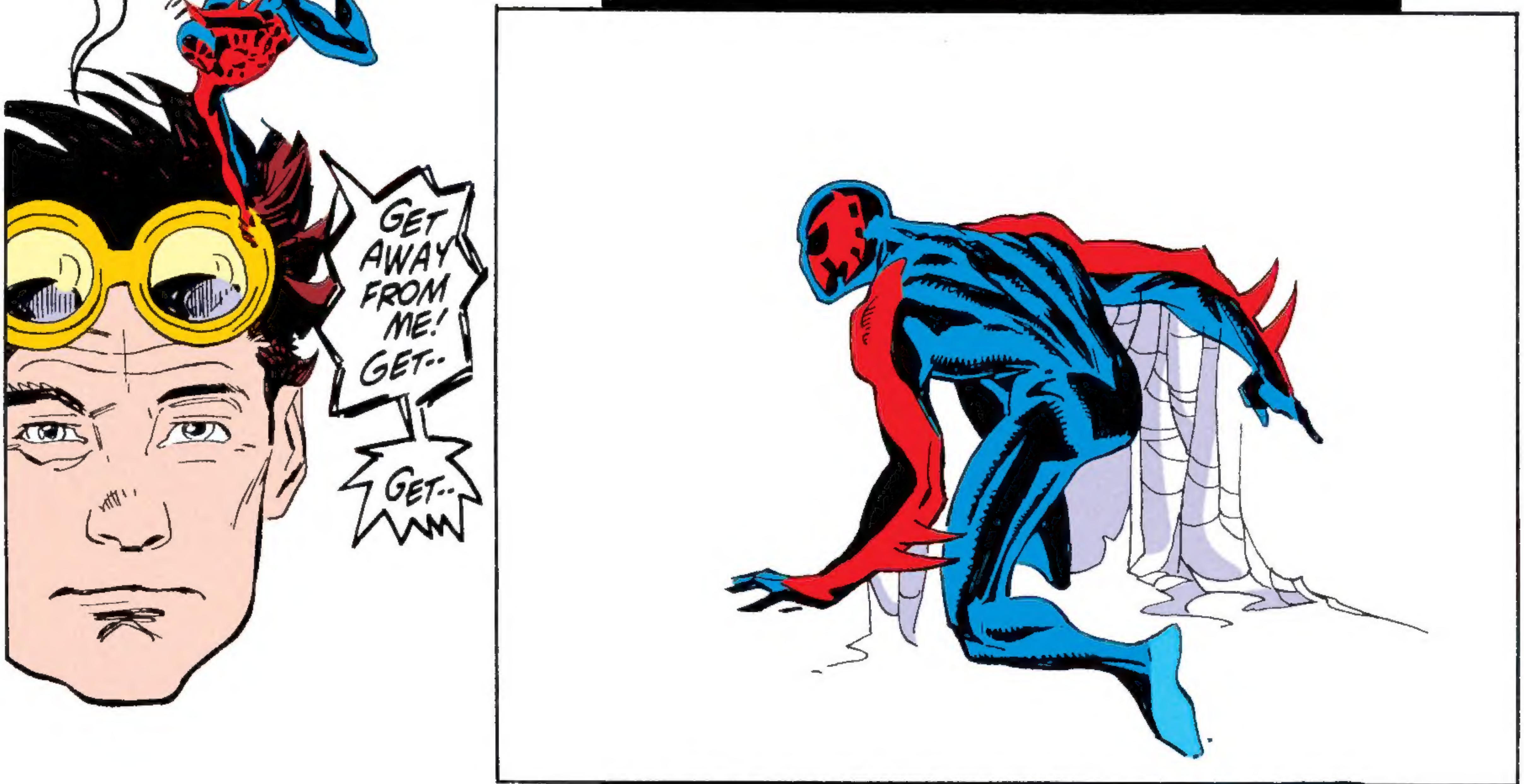
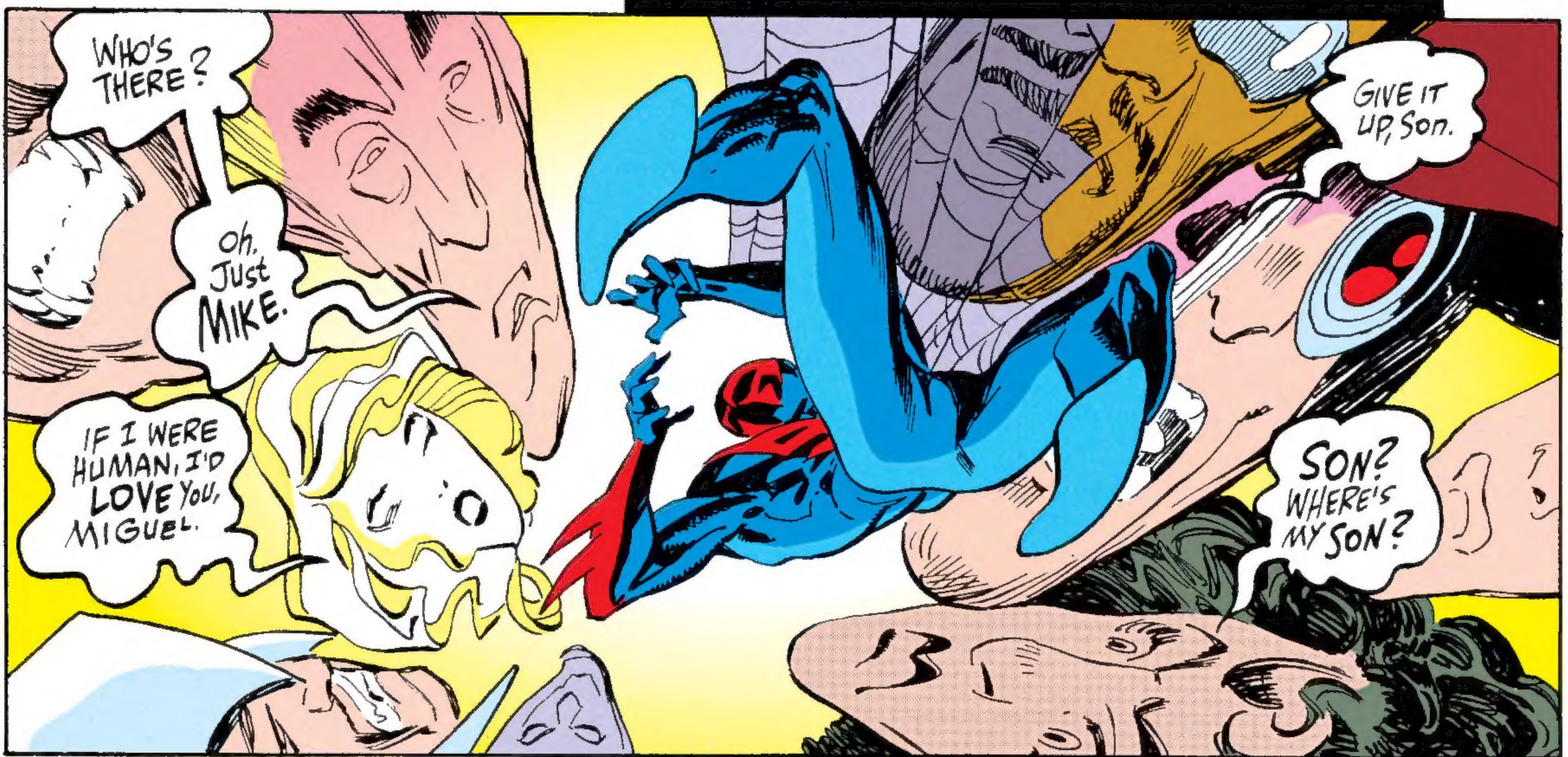
GET AWAY FROM HIM!

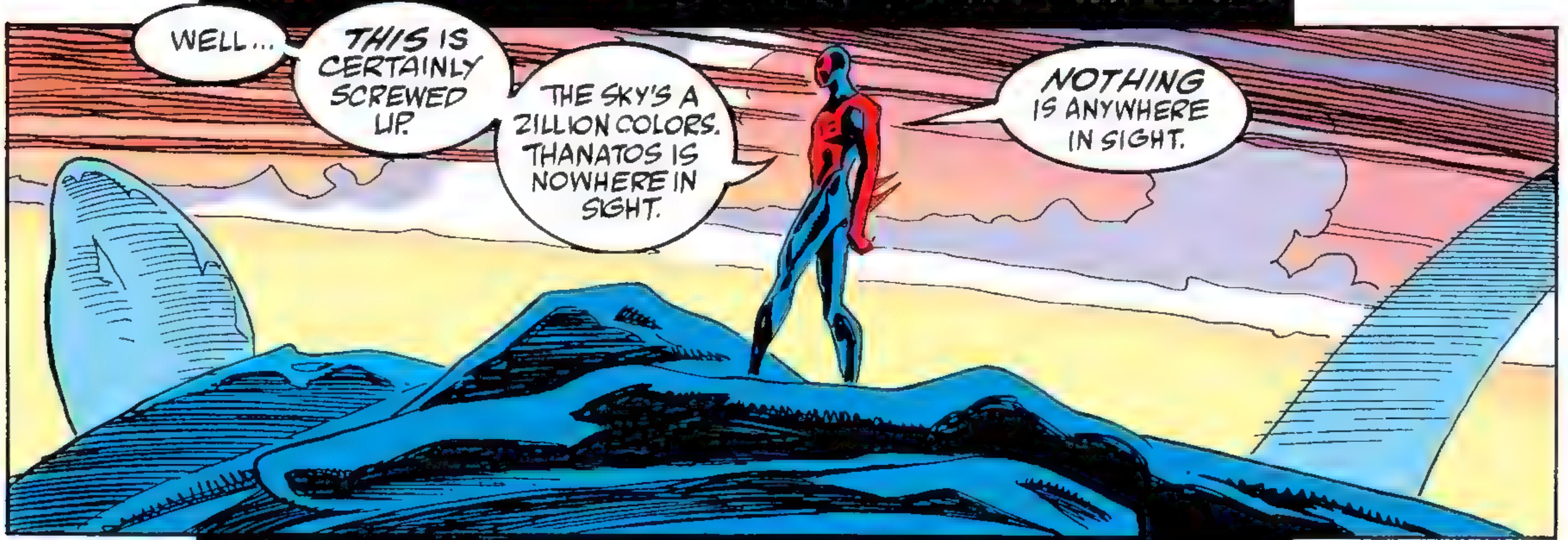
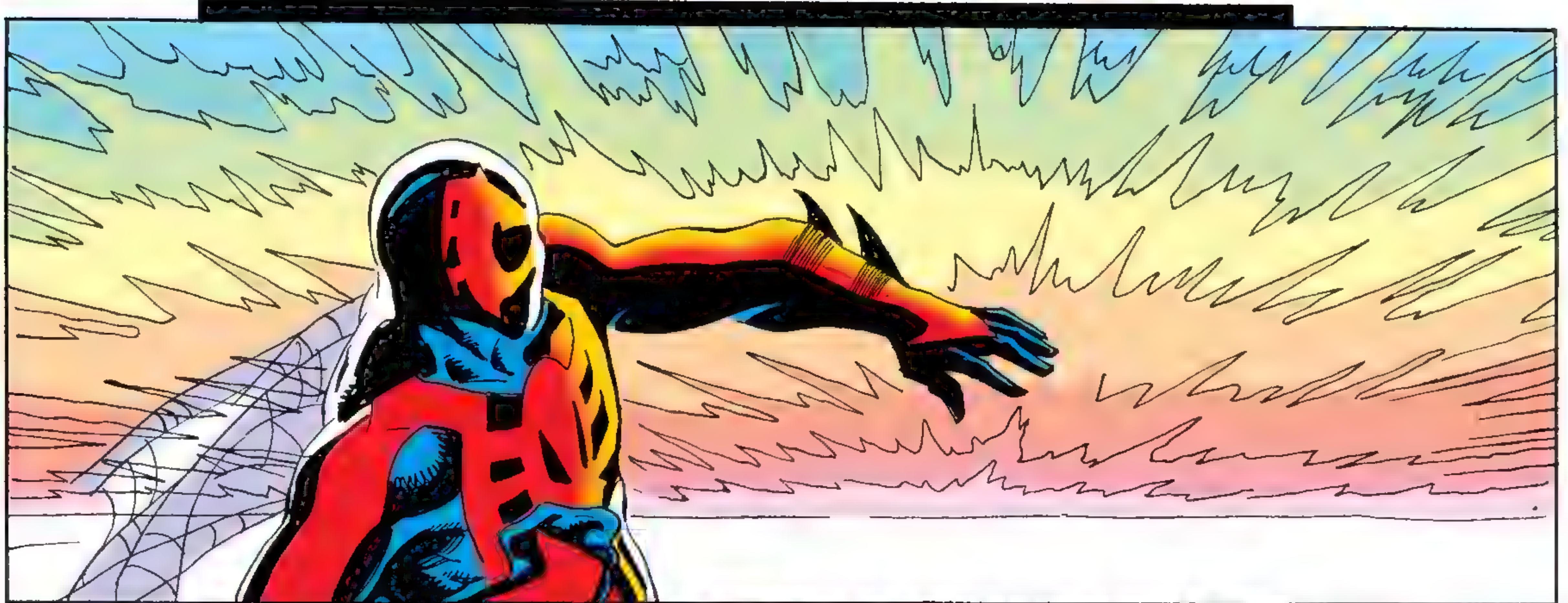
AND STILL YOU PERSIST?

DON'T YOU SEE? YOUR TRANSITION TO THIS SPHERE HAS ROBBED YOU OF YOUR POWERS... OR AT LEAST MUTATED THEM IN WAYS YOU DON'T YET UNDERSTAND!







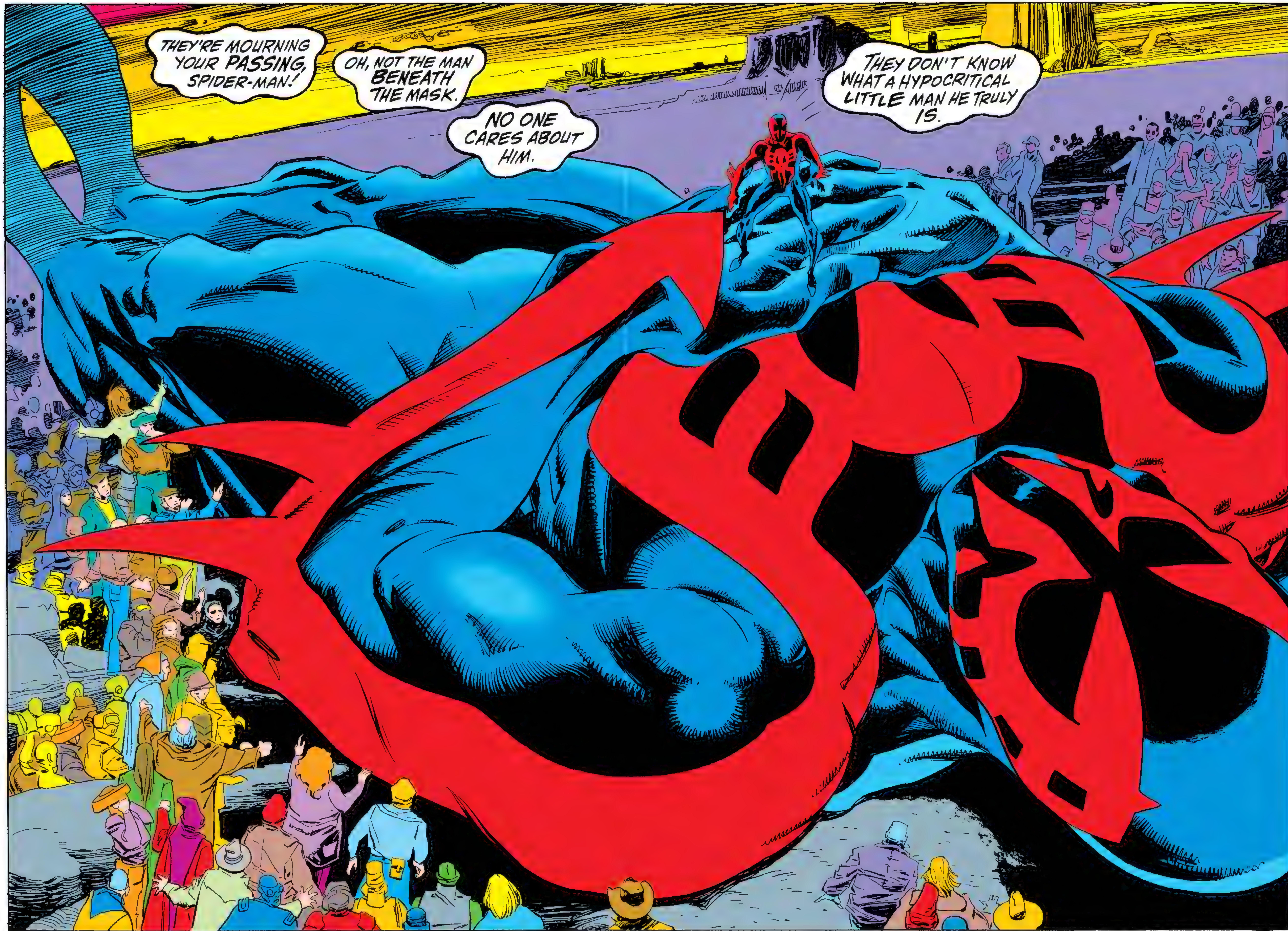


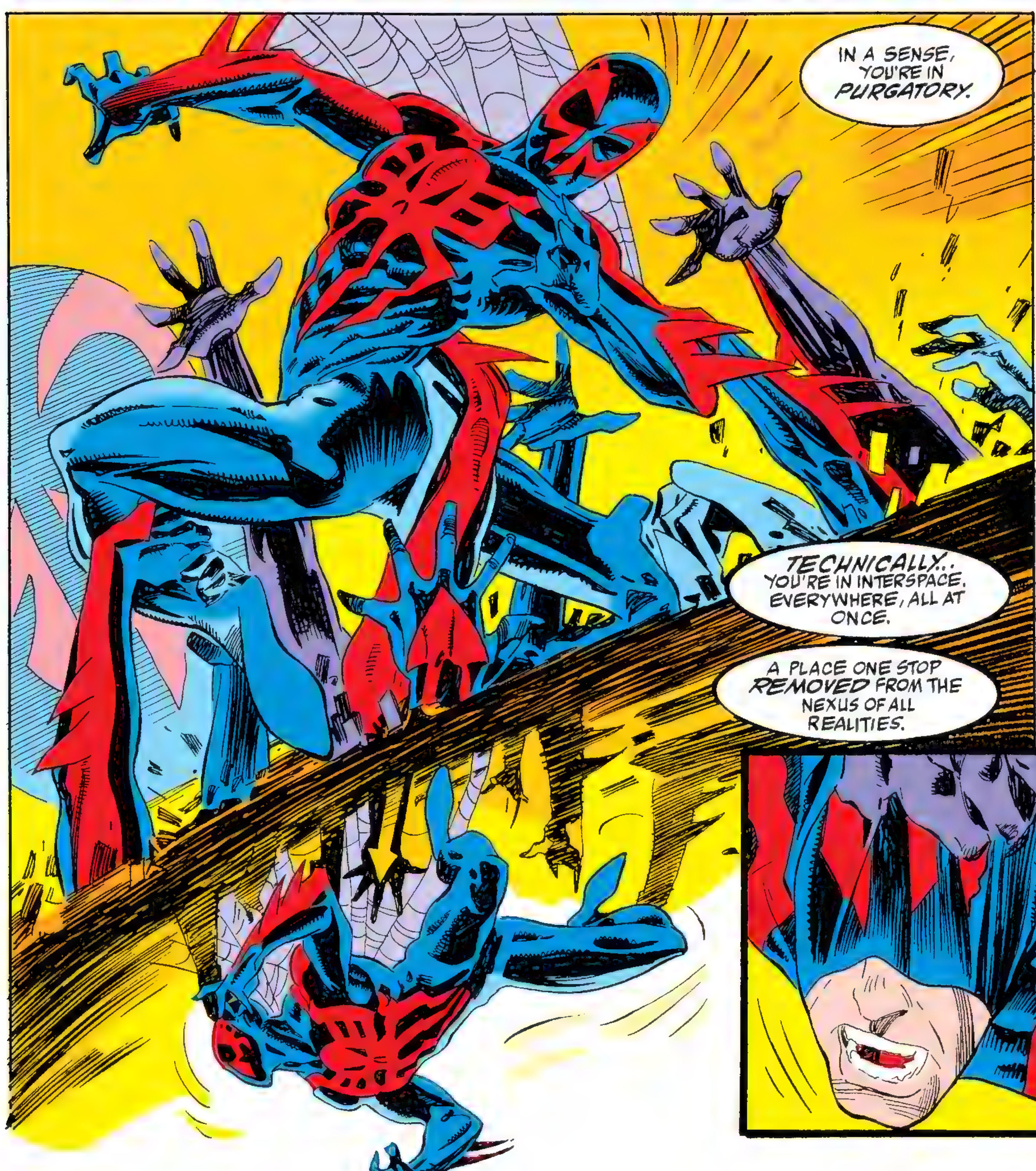
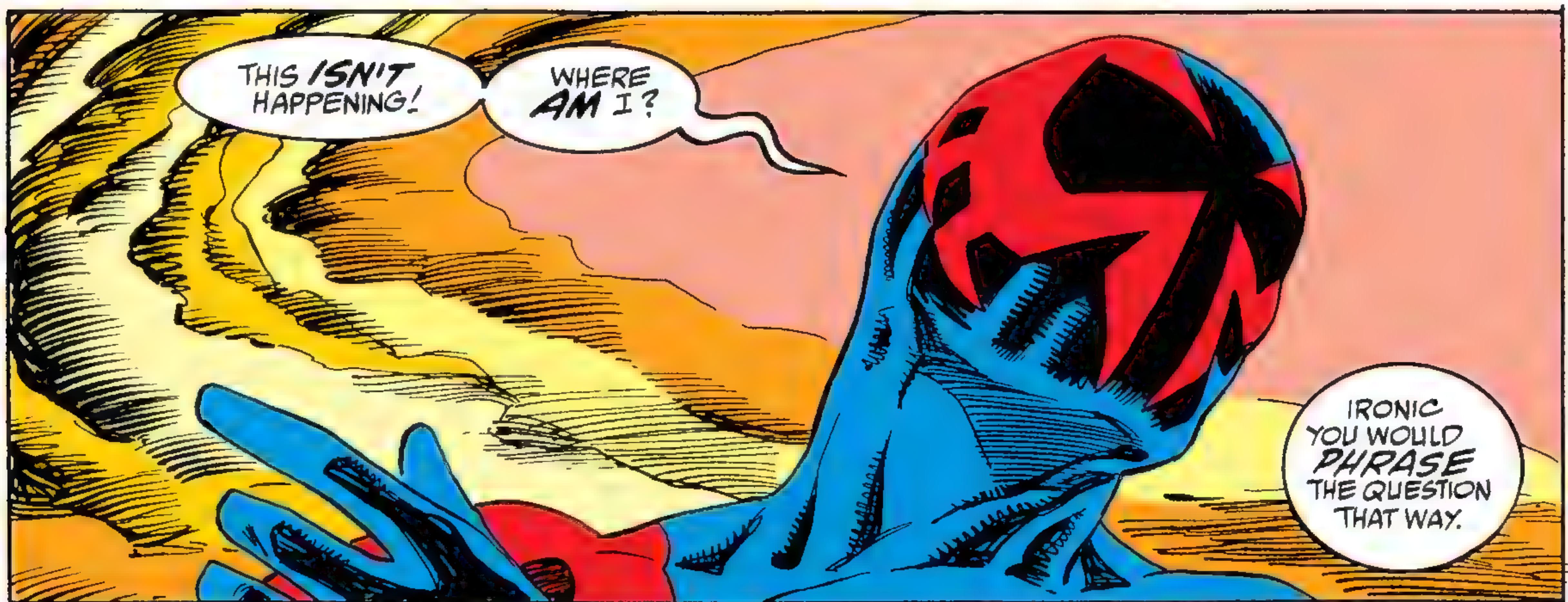
THEY'RE MOURNING
YOUR PASSING,
SPIDER-MAN!

OH, NOT THE MAN
BENEATH
THE MASK.

NO ONE
CARES ABOUT
HIM.

THEY DON'T KNOW
WHAT A HYPOCRITICAL
LITTLE MAN HE TRULY
IS.





WELCOME TO MY
SECOND HOME.

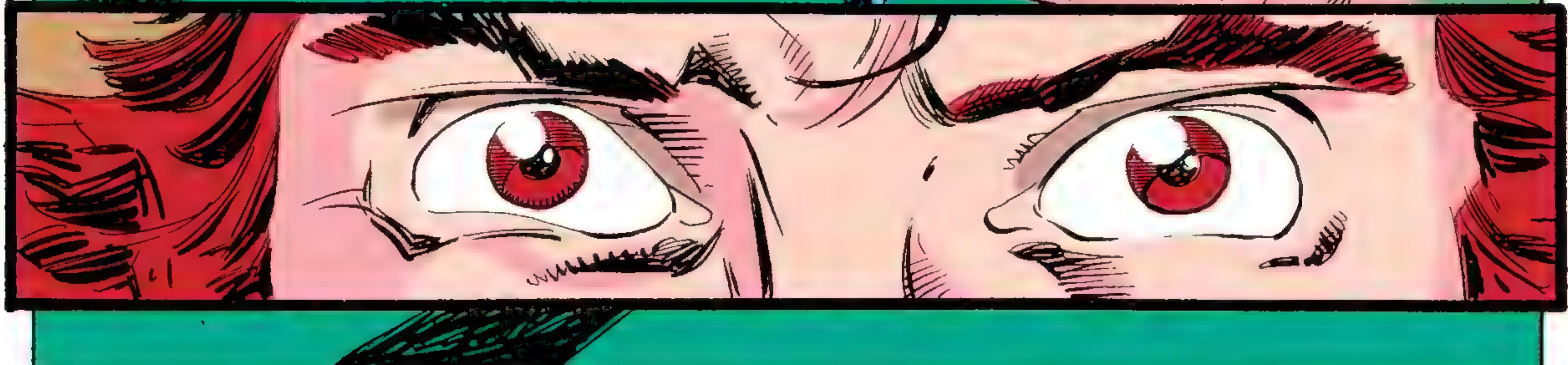
I, WHO HAVE BEEN MAROONED
ON EARTH, DISCORPORATED, POWER-
LESS SINCE THE END OF THE HEROIC
AGE...

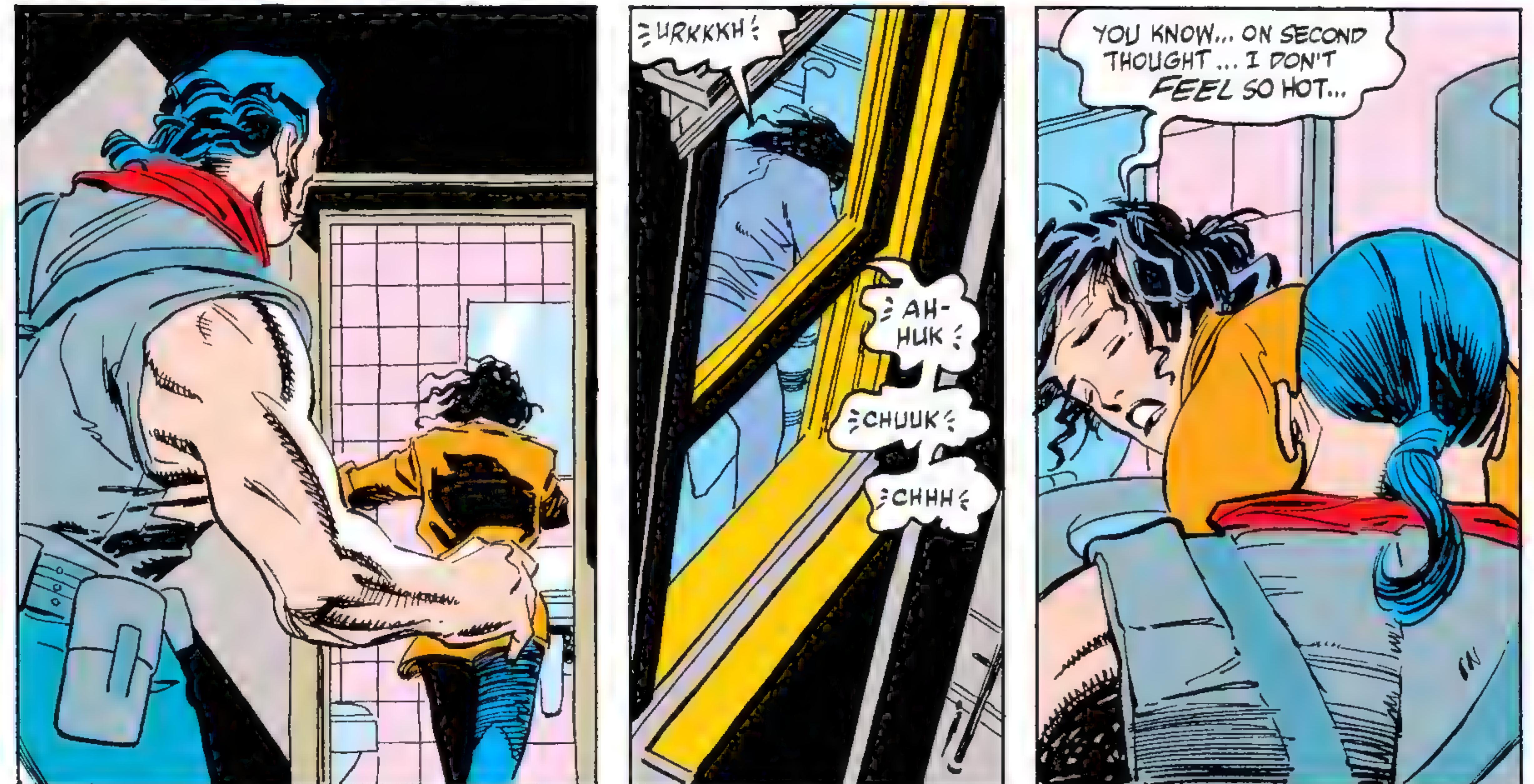
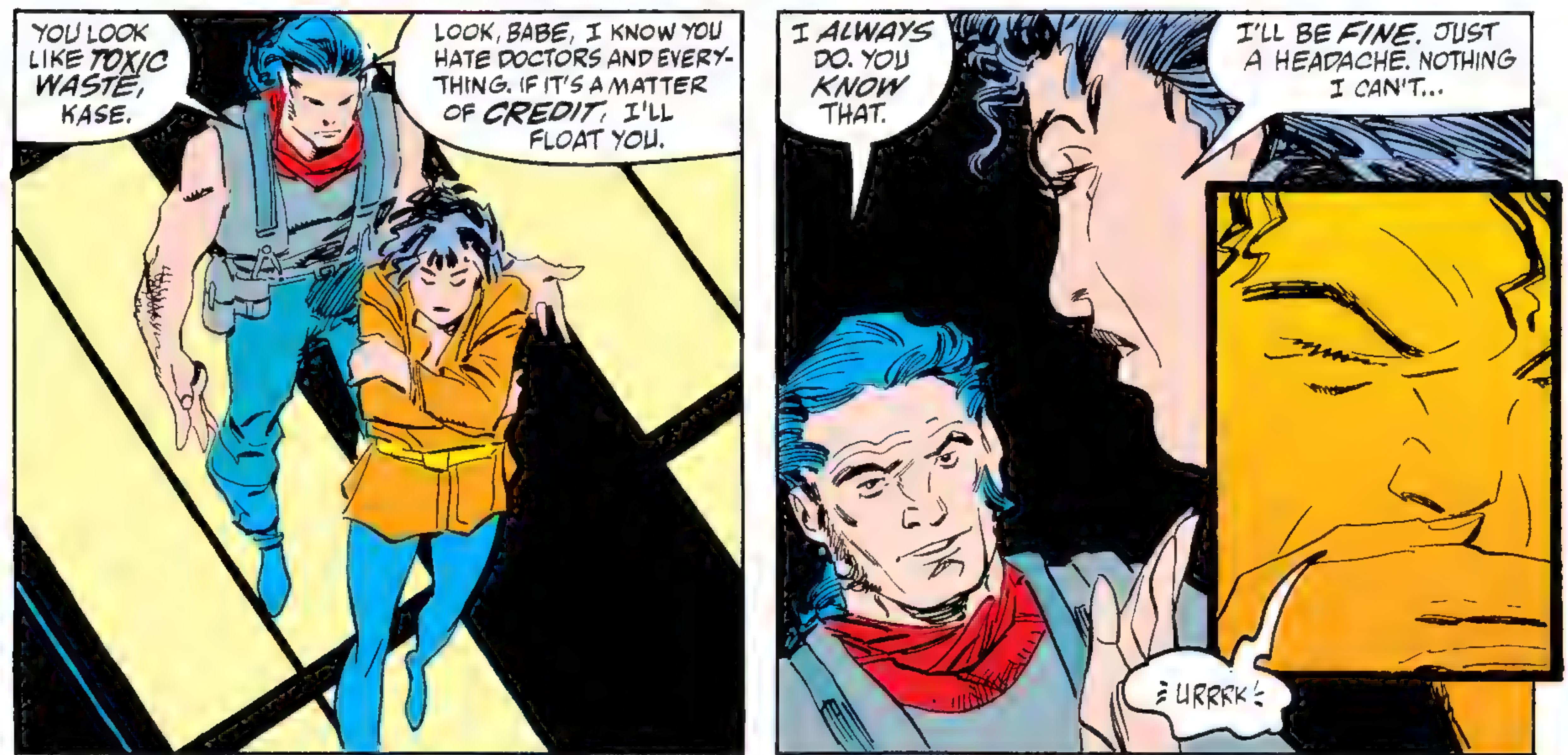
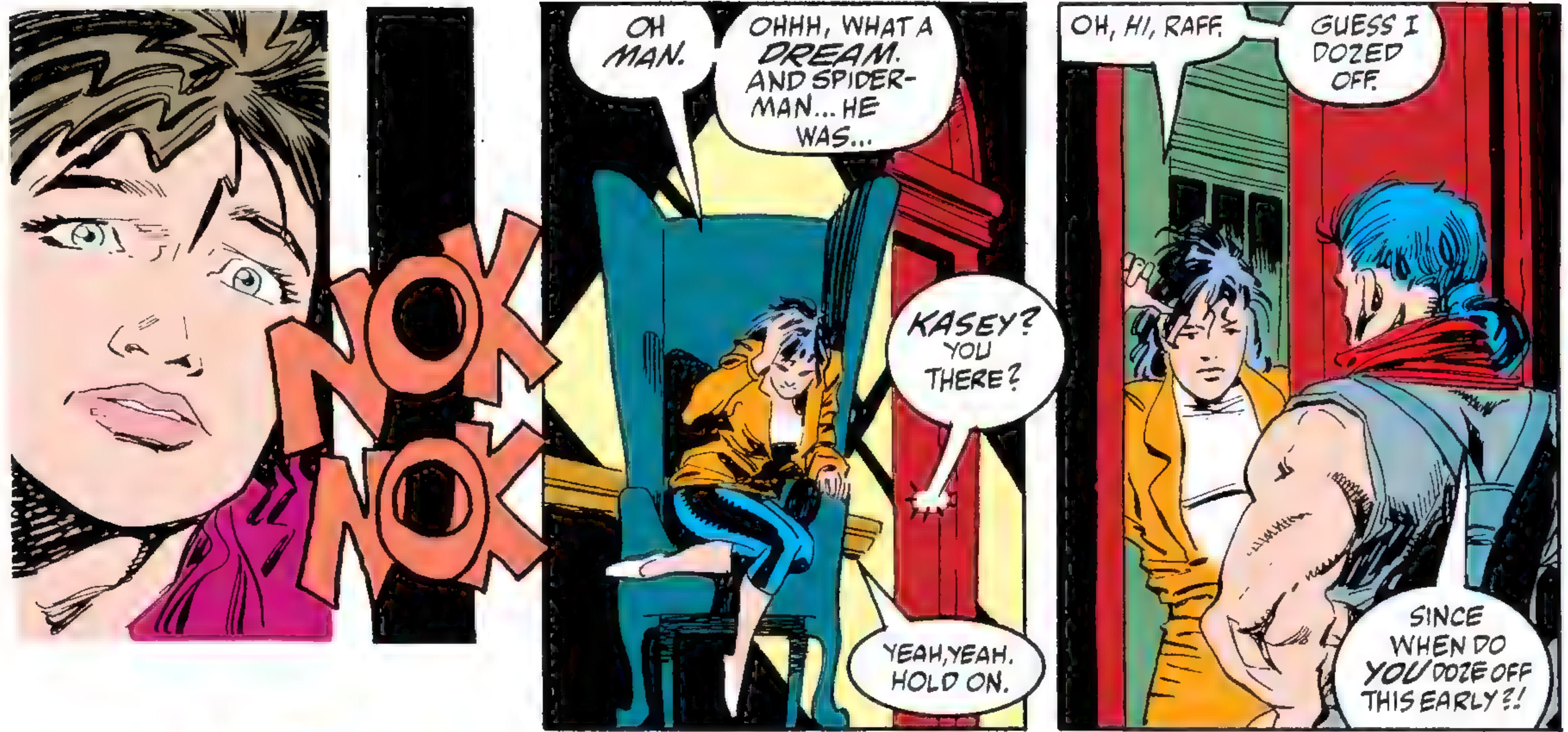
UNTIL THE FIRST
TESTS UPON THE VIRTUAL
UNREALITY PORTAL
SOME WEEKS BACK
GAVE MY NEBULOUS
FORM THE ENERGY
IT NEEDED.

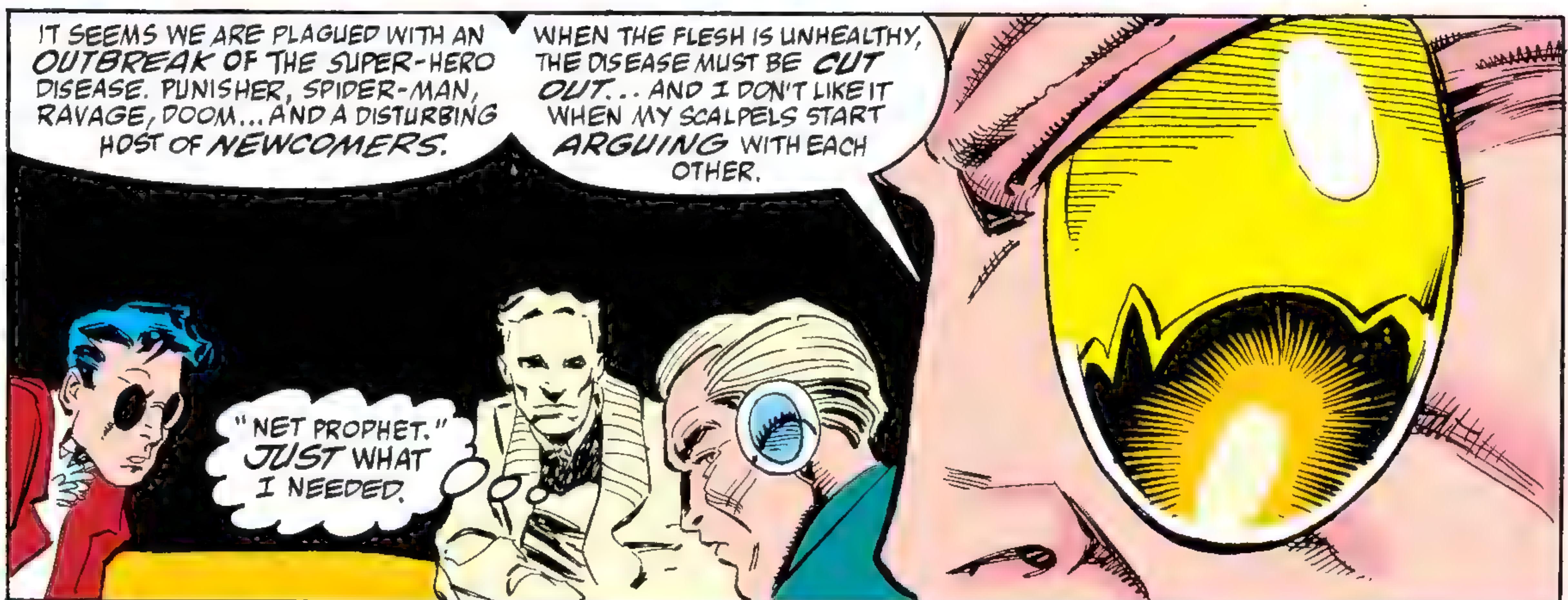
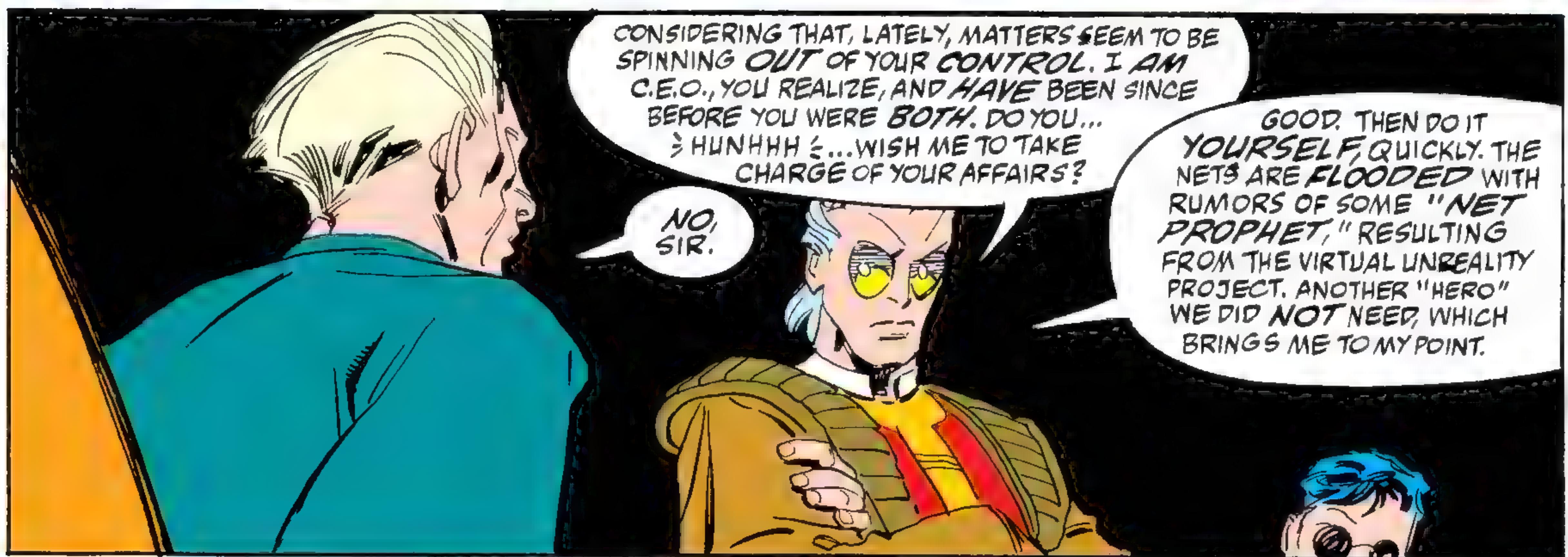
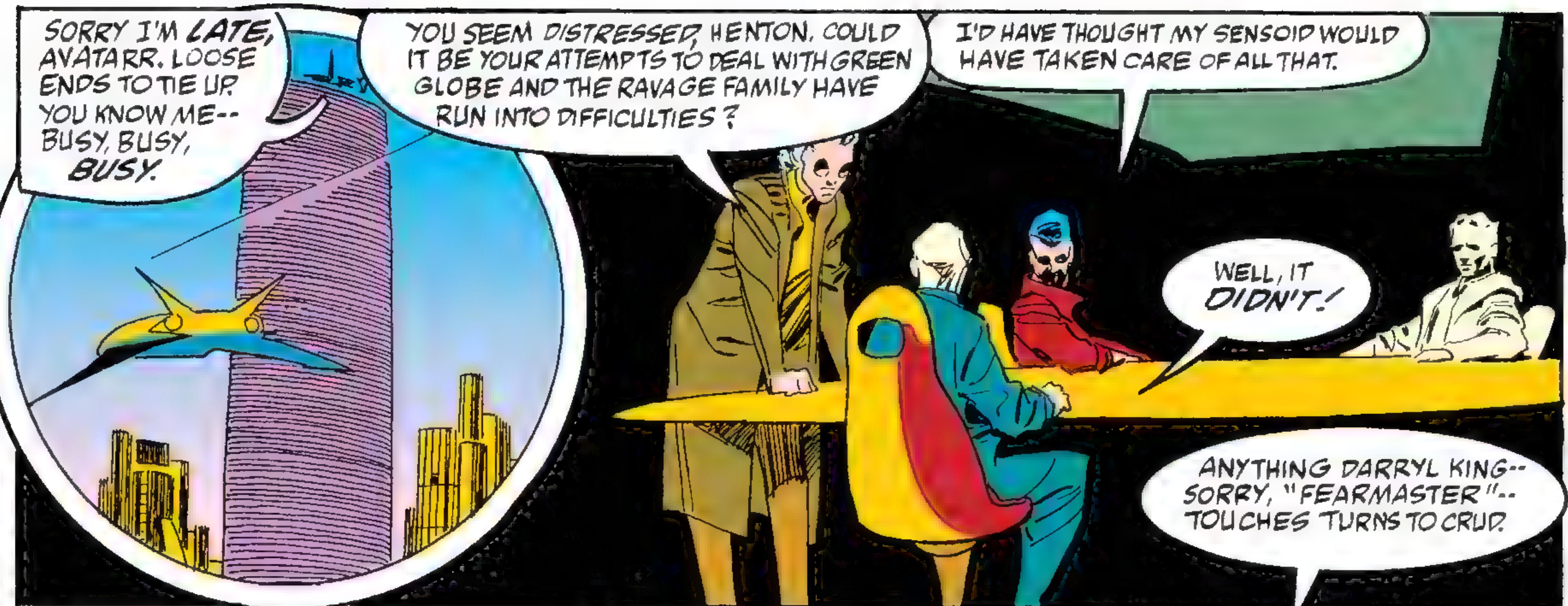
ENOUGH ENERGY TO
POSSESS THE BODY OF A
NEWLY DECEASED
VESSEL ... ONE WHOSE
LAST THOUGHTS WERE
HATRED FOR YOU,
SPIDER-MAN.

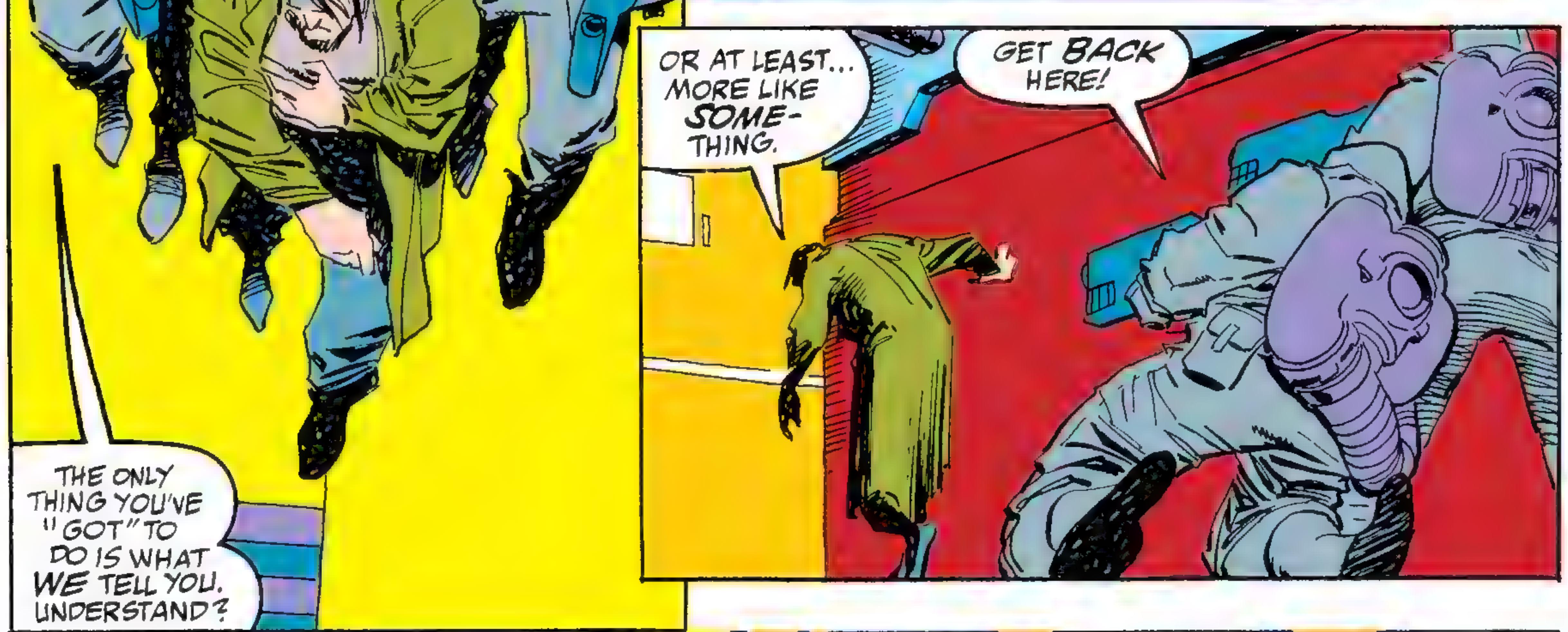
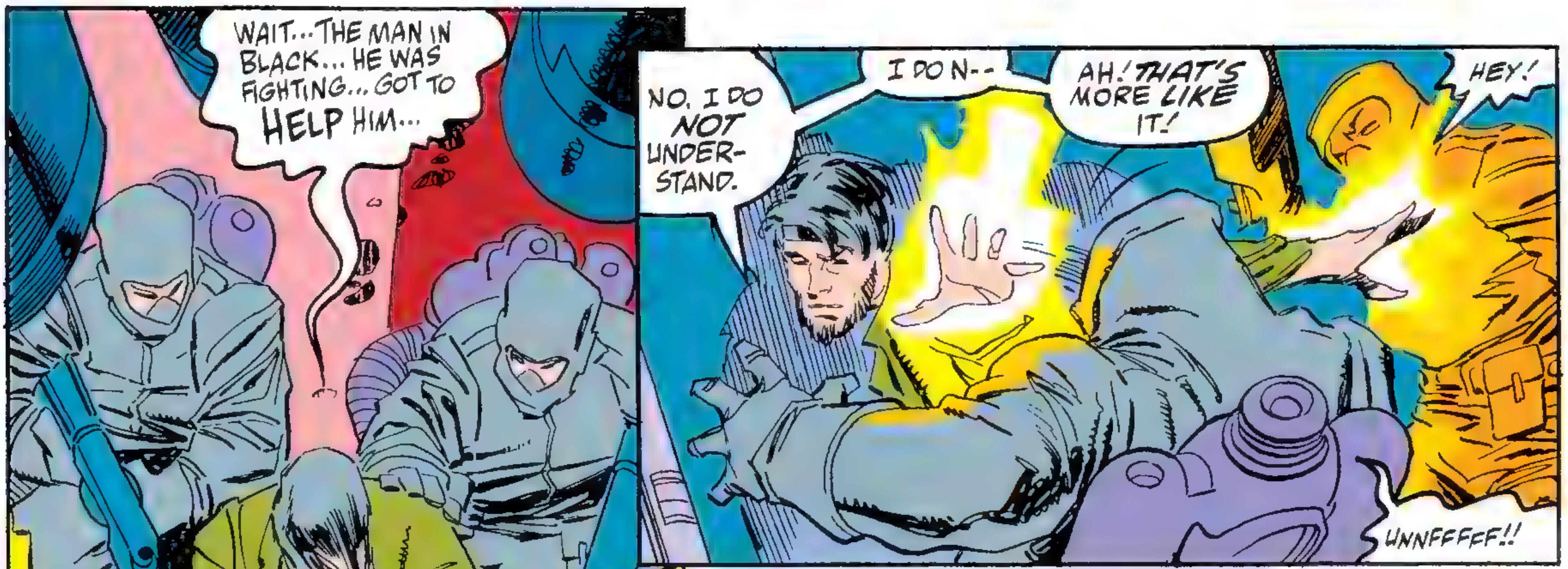
FOR HIM, I SHALL
ABANDON YOU HERE.
AND FOR ME, I SHALL
DRAW ENOUGH STRENGTH
FROM HERE, MY PLACE OF
POWER...

...TO DEVASTATE
YOUR PRECIOUS
WORLD OF
2099!









-- CARE! I DON'T CARE WHAT KIND OF VISUAL TRICKS YOU'RE USING!

YOU HAVE A CORPOREAL FORM! I KNOW, BECAUSE I HIT IT!

AND IF I CAN HIT YOU, I CAN STOP YOU!

YOU CAN TRY.

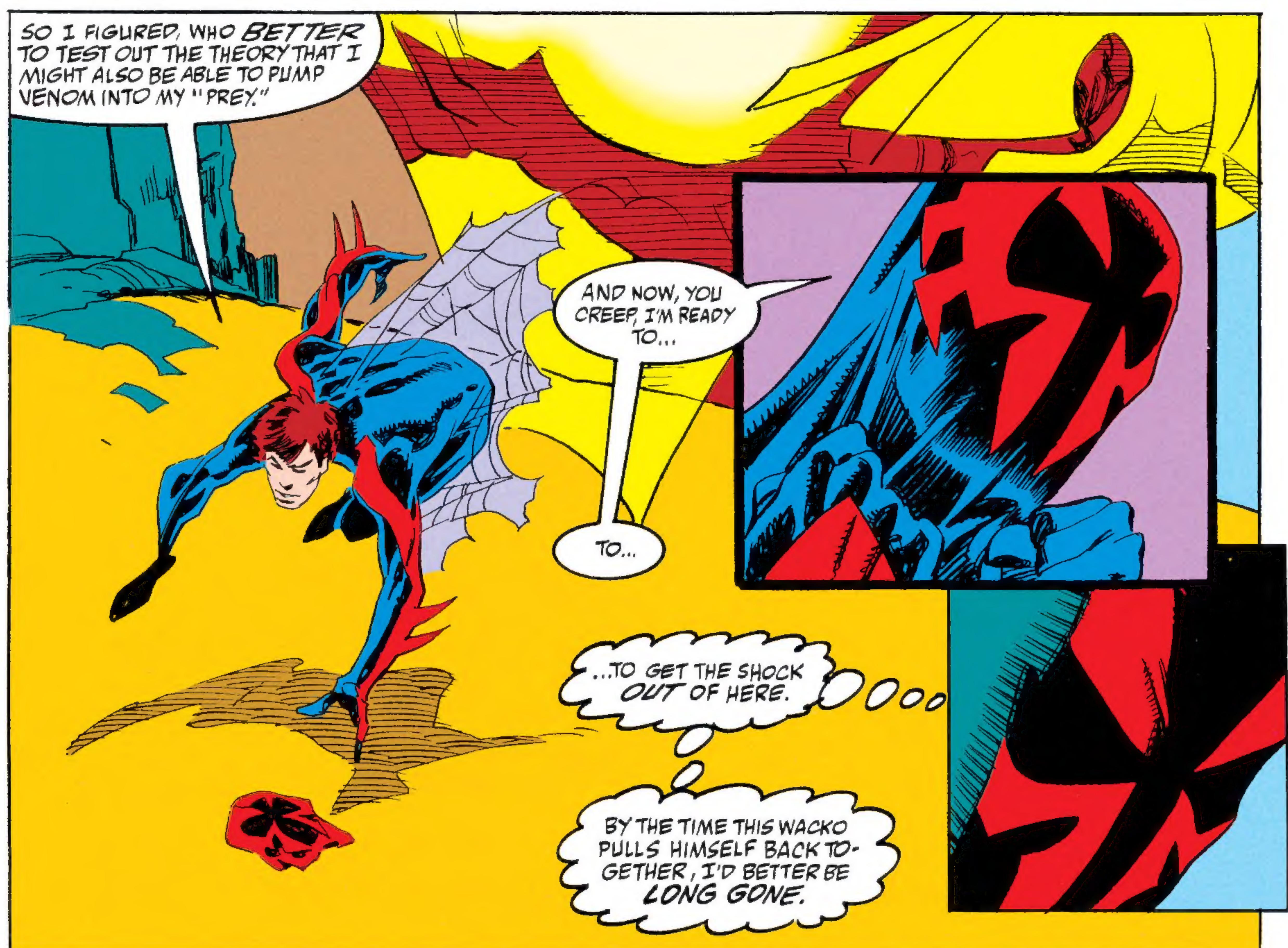
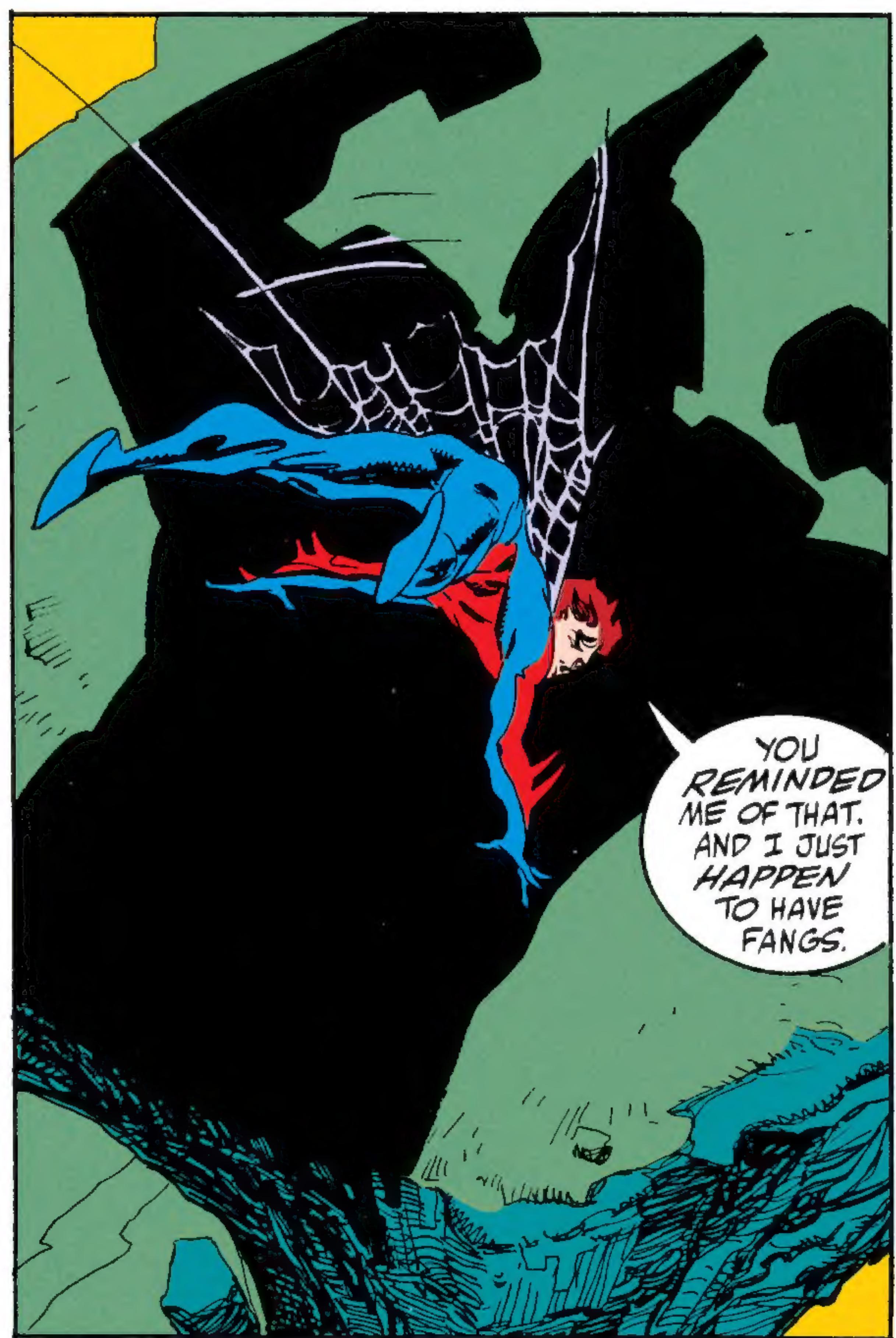
YOU WERE THE FIRST OF A NEW BREED, SPIDER-MAN. AND YOU SHALL BE THE FIRST TO FALL.

PITY. YOU WERE NEVER IN THE LEAGUE OF THE ORIGINAL SPIDER-MAN. FOES LIKE VENOM, HOBGOBLIN...

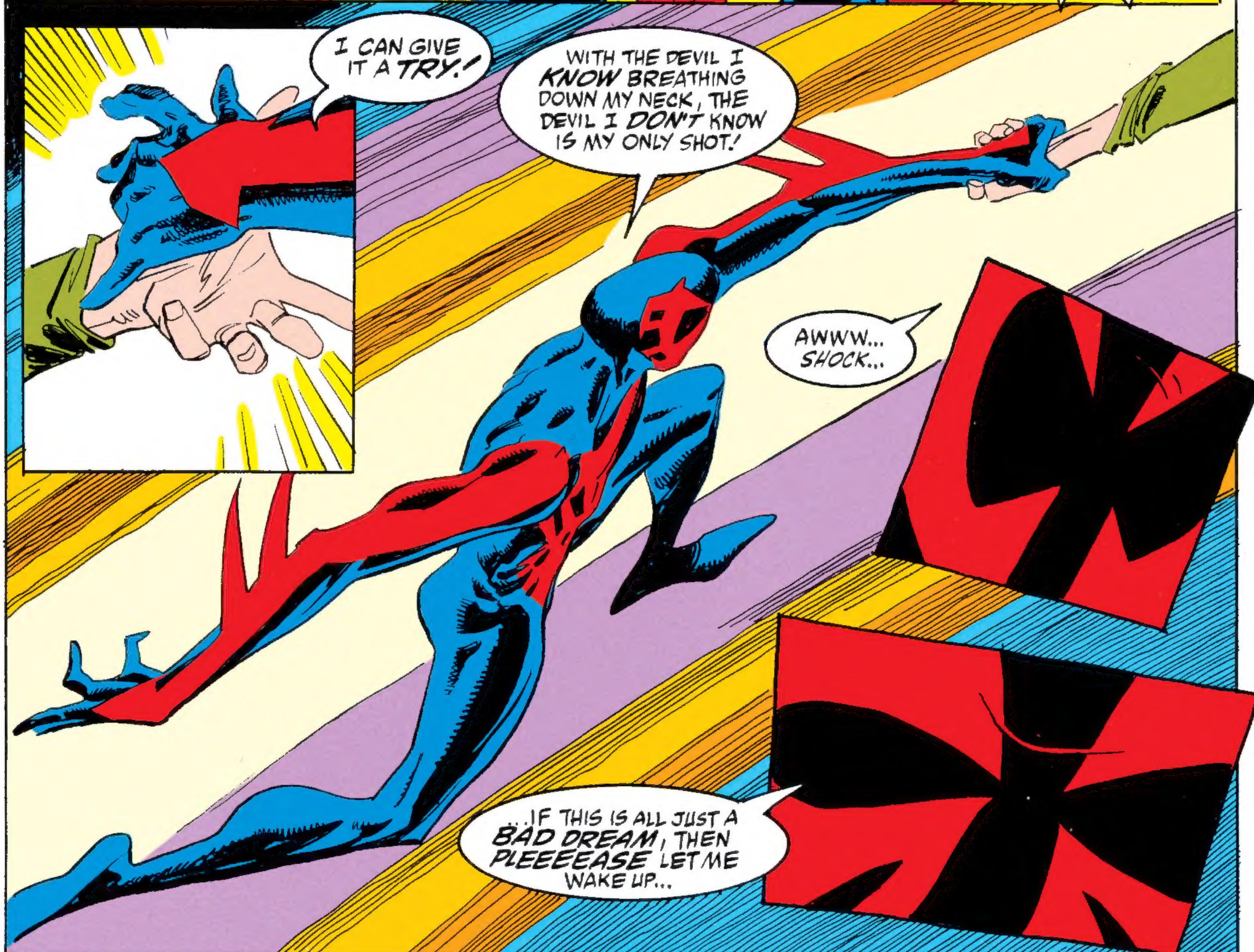
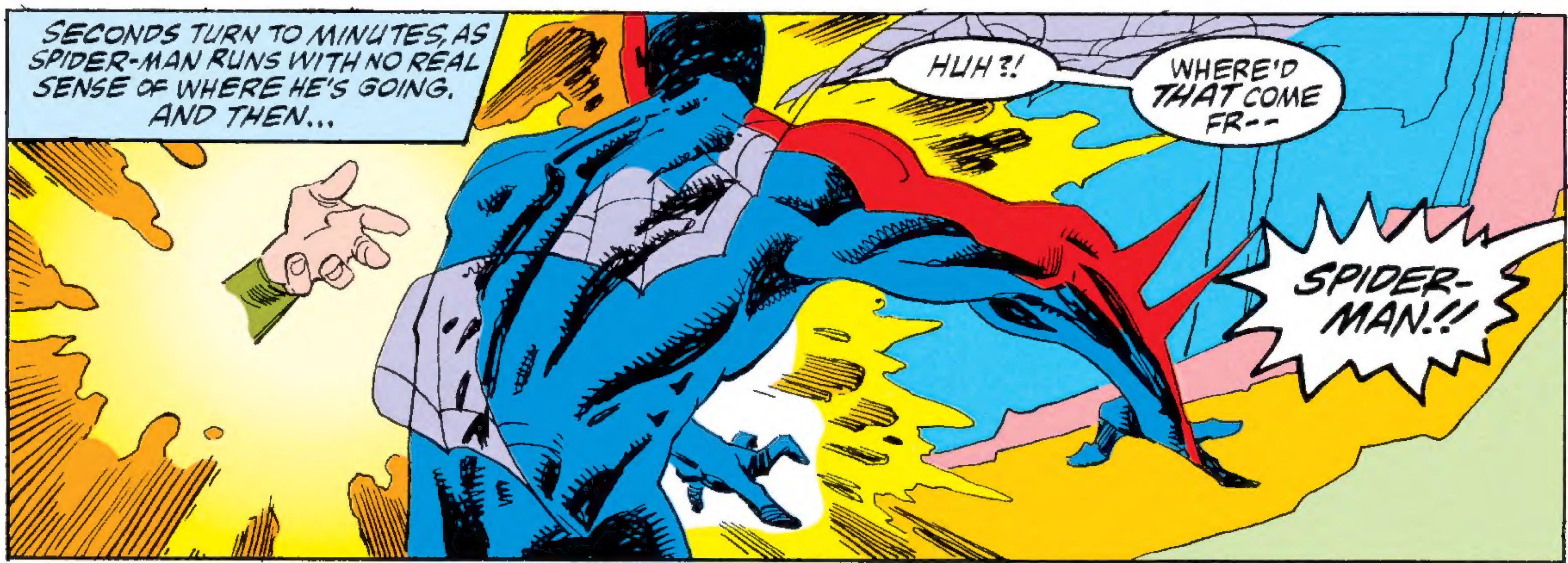
THEY WOULD HAVE DESTROYED YOU IN NO TIME.

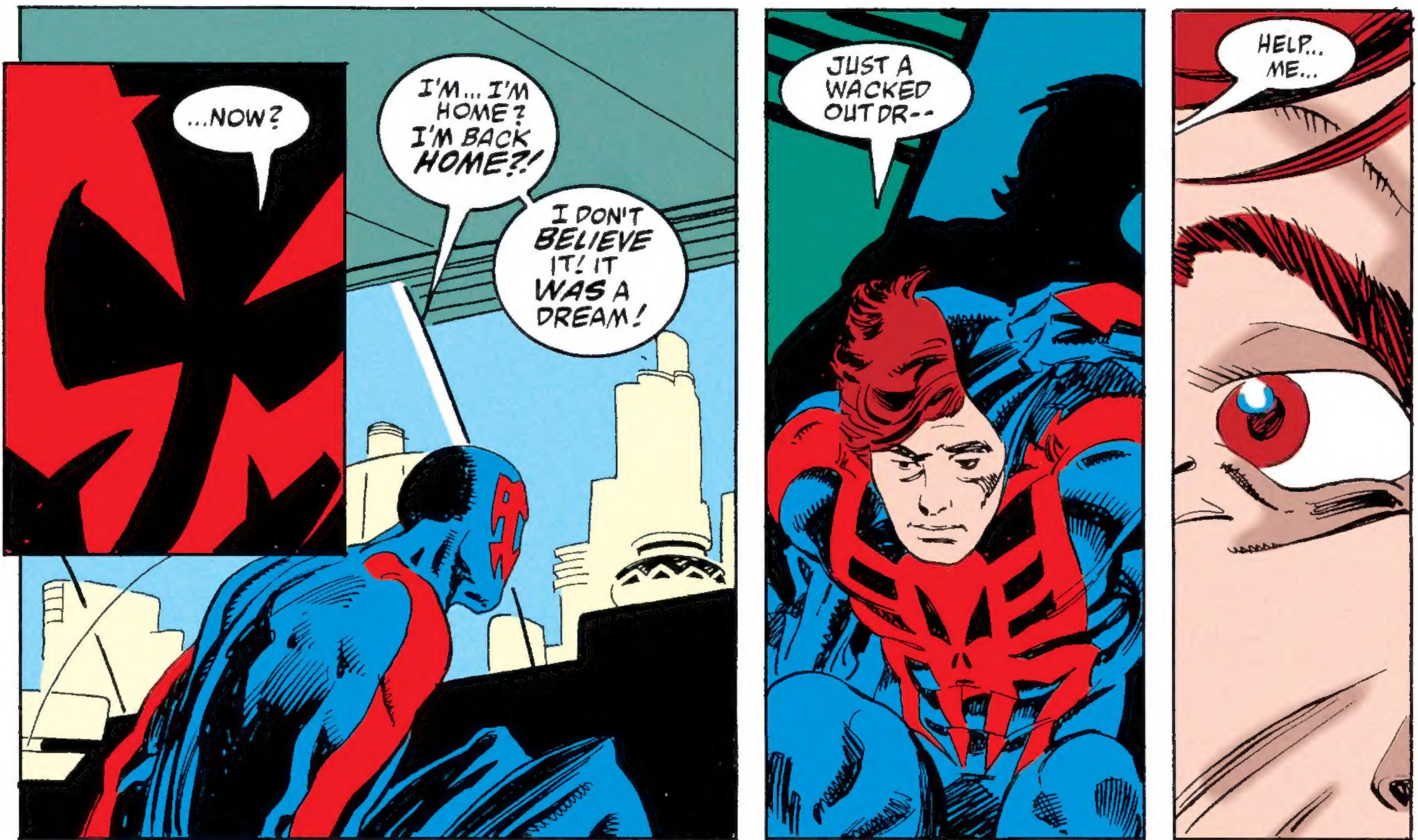
YOU CAN ASK HIM HOW HE SURVIVED AS LONG AS HE DID... FOR YOU'LL SEE HIM AFTER YOU DIIIIIEEEEEEEE

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SECONDS TURN TO MINUTES, AS SPIDER-MAN RUNS WITH NO REAL SENSE OF WHERE HE'S GOING. AND THEN...





OKAY! WHO'S MORE CONFUSED -- YOU, OR MIGUEL ? EVERYTHING WILL BE EXPLAINED TO BOTH OF YOU (AND US, WE HOPE) NEXT ISSUE AS MIGUEL, THE NET PROPHET, AND NEW YORK HIT THE.....

BOILING POINT!

